

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2458
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2008
EXPORT OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to export white and raw sugar during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a huge surplus stock of white sugar in the country;
- (d) if so, the efforts being made to increase the export of sugar; and
- (e) the details of the major buyers of sugar from India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The Central Government does not undertake export of white and raw sugar. Sugar exports are undertaken by export houses/sugar factories as per their commercial prudence.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): In order to promote export of sugar, the following measures have been taken by the Government:

(i) Export assistance is being provided to defray expenditure on internal transport, marketing and handling charges and ocean freight @ Rs. 1350/- per ton for sugar factories located in coastal States and Rs. 1450/- per ton for sugar factories located in non-coastal States (subject to actuals for export by road/rail to neighbouring countries) for a period of one year with effect from 19th April, 2007. The amount involved is Rs. 300 crore (approx) which is to be borne from the Sugar Development Fund. This assistance shall be used for payment of cane price arrears of farmers as the first priority.

(ii) The requirement of obtaining release orders for the purpose of export has been dispensed with, with effect from 31st July, 2007 till 30th September, 2008. This would help the sugar factories to undertake exports expeditiously and improve their liquidity position.

(e): The name of major buyers of sugar from India is at Annexure

[Source : Directorate General Commercial Intelligence & Statistic, Kolkata.]

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2458 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 17.03.2008 IN THE LOK SABHA

MAJOR BUYERS OF SUGAR FROM INDIA

Sl. No. Country

1. Afghanistan

2. Bangladesh

3. China
4. Djibouti
5. Egypt
6. Indonesia
7. Iran
8. Kenya
9. Pakistan
10. Portugal
11. Singapore
12. Somalia
13. Srilanka
14. Syria
15. Tanzania
16. UAE
17. Yemen Republic

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Kolkata.